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Focus on Israel

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DIFFICULT PATH TO JEWISH NATIONHOOD

This Hebrew month will be the *Yahrzeit* of a prominent Zionist thinker and politician, Chaim Arlosoroff. In June 1933 this much respected activist on behalf of the Labor Zionists was murdered by assailants unknown, while walking with his wife along the Tel Aviv shoreline. He had lived in Germany in his early years and was one of those who were desperately trying to save German Jews by bringing them to the shores of Eretz Yisrael.

Under extreme pressure from the Labor-dominated Jewish Agency, the Mandate authorities arrested Abba Achimier, Abraham Stavsky and Zvi Rosenblatt, all members of the Revisionists. The latter two were identified by Mrs. Arlosoroff as the attackers. The evidence was distorted and flimsy, to say the least. The District Court acquitted Achimier and Rosenblatt but convicted Stavsky. Meanwhile, two Arabs confessed to the murder. One by this time was in prison for another murder. Having confessed, they then retracted and so it dragged on. The Supreme Court then acquitted Stavsky for lack of evidence. The Labor Movement, with few exceptions, believed that the three men were guilty, proving the fascism of Jabotinsky and his followers. Much has been written and continues to be written about those events. Jabotinsky labored tirelessly on behalf of the accused Jews. He pleaded with the British authorities and wrote powerful articles in the Yiddish-and Polish-language press in Warsaw appealing for fairness. (Recently I found a booklet of his Yiddish writings at the time published in the late 1930s in Poland in the YIVO archives in New York). In Poland he was the object of scorn and derision and was heckled and jostled at public meetings. Gradually, however, common sense prevailed and the Revisionist Party received more votes than ever in the communal elections. Chief Rabbi Kook passionately believed in Stavsky's innocence and denounced the 'blood libel' of Jew against Jew.

Before his resignation, Prime Minister Begin suggested a new enquiry into the affair in order to set the record straight once and for all. Understandably, however, this was not a priority for the Government.

It has been suggested in recent Israeli writings that perhaps Nazi agents were responsible for the assassination, which could have been the case.

Fascinating and tragic was the path to Jewish Nationhood.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday, May 4 *16 Iyar*
Light candles: 7:36 pm
Children's Birthday Service

6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin
Shabbat Dinner following Service $✆

Saturday, May 5 *17 Iyar*
Parashat Emor
7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Hammer
Bat Mitzvah of Julia Bernstein, daughter of Jo Ellen and Donald Bernstein

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm Mincha
Bar Mitzvah of William Hess, son of Susan and John Hess

Sunday, May 6 *18 Iyar*
Lag B'omer

Friday, May 11 *23 Iyar*
Light candles: 7:44 pm
CS *Kabbalat Shabbat Service* & *Oneg Shabbat*

6:00 pm CS *Tekes Siyyum*/Moving Up Ceremony

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 12 *24 Iyar*
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai
7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Aliza Reisner, daughter of Miriam Judlowe and Lorin Reisner

6:00 pm Mincha
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Langhaus, daughter of Kathy Marlin Langhaus and Arthur Langhaus

Wednesday, May 16 *28 Iyar*
Yom Yerushalayim

Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am*

Mincha *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm*

Friday, May 18 *1 Sivan*
Light candles: 7:50 pm
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Tiny Treasures Celebration

Saturday, May 19 *2 Sivan*
Parashat B'midbar
7:30 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Hillary Winnick, daughter of Deanne and Charles Winnick
9:30 am Havurah Service
6.00 pm Mincha

Tuesday, May 22 *5 Sivan*
Light candles: 7:54 pm
Erev Shavuot (Offices Close 1:00 pm)

Wednesday, May 23 *6 Sivan*
Shavuot (Offices Closed)

Thursday, May 24 *7 Sivan*
Shavuot (Offices Closed)

Friday, May 25 *8 Sivan*
Light candles: 7:57 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 26 *9 Sivan*
Parashat Naso
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
6:00 pm Mincha

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Marching...on May 6th is an excellent opportunity... to stand up and be counted.

For the past few months, I have been reflecting with all of you on the values that define being a member of Park Avenue Synagogue. Among others it is an innate desire for Jewish learning and an emphasis on the importance of being a member of our community. This month, I would like to focus on our connection to the state of Israel.

Throughout our Synagogue's history, great leaders of all the major organizations that support Israel have been our congregants. Many great Israeli leaders have spoken from our bimah. Each new year, we make an appeal for UJA-Federation, the umbrella organization that supports countless projects both here and in Israel. We should be very proud of this.

Soon, we will celebrate Israel's 59th birthday. With this in mind, May is also Israel month at Park Avenue Synagogue. Our Shabbat programs and services on May 4th and May 5th will include updates on Israel. We will be privileged to have Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and Rabbi Reuven Hammer join us to speak. This is a rare treat. Also, preparing for and marching in the Salute to Israel Parade on May 6th is an excellent opportunity for Park Avenue Synagogue members to stand up and be counted.

I hope that all of you will be a part of these events and plan on traveling to Israel on the 125th Anniversary Trip this December. The theme of the trip is "Shared History, Shared Destiny." Most of our congregation's members do not remember a time in their lives without the State of Israel. How wonderful! This privilege mandates the responsibility for all of us to continually keep as a priority our connection to Israel. We are inextricably linked.

I look forward to celebrating with you in many ways the miracle that is Israel.

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Lag B'omer

This minor holiday takes place between Passover and Shavuot, on the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. While there are varying meanings attributed to the holiday among Talmudic, midrashic, kabalistic and Chasidic teachings, several practices are traditionally observed: first haircuts for three-year old boys; weddings, and, more frequently, picnics.

An Evening in Eden

The P.A.S. Friends of JTS Garden Party | Wednesday, May 9 | 6:30 pm | $ ✆

The Park Avenue Synagogue Friends of JTS will hold its annual Garden Party in the Courtyard at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Join us for cocktails and a buffet dinner, followed by learning sessions exploring art, literature, Kabbalah/midrash and philosophy as they relate to the Garden of Eden. Sharon Liberman Mintz, the Curator of Jewish Art at the JTS Library will conduct the art segment. Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner, Director of the Program in Jewish Women's Studies at JTS and Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Jewish Literature will be leading the literature learning. Rabbi Melissa Weintraub will be teaching Adam and Eve thru Kabbalah/midrash and Rabbi David Hoffman will be our philosophy guide through Gan Eden.

The evening promises to be a feast for the mind as well as the body. How tempting!

Park Avenue Synagogue has long had a special relationship with The Jewish Theological Seminary. Communally, we are committed to support JTS, as it is the center of Conservative Judaism. Last year, we provided three scholarships to JTS students: one each in the Rabbinic, Education and Cantorial Schools. This year, with your participation, we again hope to provide scholarships to outstanding JTS students.

The Garden Party is the culmination of many cultural and outreach programs jointly held this year by P.A.S. and JTS. These included two home studies featuring Rabbi Matt Berkowitz and Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz. Rebecca Rosenthal spoke on Seminary Student Shabbat, and Dr. David Kraemer was our guest speaker on Seminary Shabbat. Additionally, we have been privileged to have several JTS students as interns assisting our clergy and teachers.

A bus will leave from P.A.S. at 6:00 pm and return to the synagogue at the end of the event.

As Adam might have said to Eve, "Everyone will be there!"

$ ✆ **For further information** *Erica Levin at JTS at 212-280-6036 or e-mail to:erlevin@jtsa.edu.*

Contact Beryl Chernov at bchernov@pasyn.org or ext. 106 if you choose to use this occasion to give back to Park Avenue Synagogue—assuring its strong future for our children and generations to come.

125th Anniversary Unbroken Chain: *Forging Your Link*

The Sofer is Back! | May 13, 14, 15 | ✆

"It was an experience that I will never forget."

"I couldn't have thought of a better way to honor my daughter's Bat Mitzvah."

"What a great way to mark the 125th anniversary of Park Avenue Synagogue."

—comments heard by fellow members about Forging Your Link

Make your appointment to inscribe your letter in our 125th Anniversary *Sefer Torah*! All congregants have the opportunity to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime moment.

✆ **Contact** *Heidi Silverstone at heidi@pasyn.org to schedule your visit with Rabbi Moshe Druin. If you do not have access to e-mail, please contact the synagogue office at 212-369-2600.*

125th Anniversary Unbroken Chain: *Forging Your Link*

Give a gift of a lifetime to all the mothers in your lives—inscribe your letter on Mother's Day, May 13th!

Congregational Meeting

124th Annual Meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue

Thursday, May 17 | 7:00 pm | Reception at 6:00 pm

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue is your opportunity to hear the "State of the Congregation" report reviewing activities of 2006-2007, from Chairman Amy A.B. Bressman, and to congratulate congregational officers and members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council as they are inducted by our clergy. All members are urged to attend and vote on our Annual Budget. Prior to the meeting please join us at a complimentary Buffet Dinner at 6:00 pm and meet and mingle with the clergy, your lay leadership and fellow congregants. Don't miss this important meeting.

Unbroken Chain: Shared History, Shared Destiny

125th Anniversary Trip to Israel | December 22, 2007-January 1, 2008 | $ ✆

Why travel to Israel with P.A.S.? Because we know how to do Israel really well!

- ✓ Israel for first timers and for repeat visitors
- ✓ A community experience that will please everyone's interests
- ✓ Unique Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration for our children and all participants
- ✓ Escorted visit to the Kotel and Old City like you've never experienced before
- ✓ Peer and professional encounters with Israelis from many fields and walks of life
- ✓ Dining at spectacular locations—Crusader castles, dude ranches, geologic craters and Biblical sites
- ✓ Israeli experts, teachers and security personnel will accompany us on site visits
- ✓ Tailored itineraries and activities for each age group—children (over 5), high school and college students, young adults, baby boomers, grandparents & grandchildren
- ✓ Camel and donkey rides to ancient sites
- ✓ Jeep rides in the Golan
- ✓ Biking and hiking in the desert
- ✓ School and university visits for our students of all ages

Sign up now! *Contact Sarah Gribetz directly for more information at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext.142.*

P.A.S. Israel Committee presents

A Weekend Focus on Israel | May 4 -6

Shabbat Dinner

Pluralism in America and in Israel: An Orthodox Rabbi Settler Speaks Out

Friday, May 4 | Passionate Davening Services 6:15 pm | followed by Dinner and speaker | $ ✆

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin is the Chief Rabbi, Efrat, Israel and Founder and Dean of Ohr Torah Stone Colleges and Graduate Programs, a network of Modern Orthodox high schools, colleges, graduate programs, seminaries and rabbinical schools in Israel. Born in Brooklyn and educated in New York, Rabbi Riskin was the founder and rabbi of the Lincoln Square Synagogue. In 1983, at the peak of his professional career in America, Rabbi Riskin left New York with his family to become the rabbi of the city of Efrat, a burgeoning settlement in Gush Etzion. which he and Moshe Moshkowitz had been working to establish since 1976. Efrat now numbers close to 8,000 residents, and is considered to be the central city of the Etzion Bloc. Despite his love for his life and work in New York, Rabbi Riskin strongly believed that Israel was the place for Jews, and that especially in the post-Holocaust era, the Jewish future lay in Israel.

$ ✆ **Reservations required.** *$35/person. Contact the Adult Education office at ext 140 or 142, or e-mail AdultEd@pasyn.org.*

Shabbat morning | May 5 | Services at 9:15 am

Rabbi Reuven Hammer, former President of the Rabbinical Assembly, will visit from Israel and speak from the bimah.

Salute To Israel Parade | Sunday, May 6

Meeting Time: 2:15 pm | Location: West 54th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues—enter on 6th Avenue | ✆

All are welcome to march with us—don't be late!

Adults, families and school aged children are invited to participate in a day of fun and support for Israel. Ice cream party in Central Park following the parade for all who participate!

✆ **Registration required.** *Contact FamilyEd@pasyn.org if you plan to attend and to request your t-shirt.*

Men's Club

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Metro Region 24th Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 30 | 6:30-8:30 pm | Temple Israel of Great Neck, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY | $ ✆

The Annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Regional dinner is always a special occasion for us. This year, The Man of the Year Award (*Chavayrim Kol Yisrael*) will be bestowed upon Jeffrey Stern. Gabrielle Nagler and Abby Denburg will receive the Youth Award for their outstanding contributions to Park Avenue Synagogue and the Conservative movement.

This dinner is a wonderful opportunity to support our honorees as well as our Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern who has served this year as the Region's Spiritual Leader and Les Agisim, as the Regional President. Ads in the journal may be placed, and must be submitted by May 9; please use the form you received in the mail. *Dinner, including smorgasbord/dessert, open bar, music, raffle drawing and awards ceremony is $75 per person, payable in advance. Reservations must be made by May 16.*

$ ✆ **For more information** *contact the FJMC Liaison Brian Chenensky at chenensky@hotmail.com; tel: 646-662-1573, fax: 212-517-6595. Please make checks for dinner and ads payable to: New York Metropolitan Region FJMC and mail to: Brian Chenensky, 500 East 77th Street, Apt. 823, New York, NY 10162.*

Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 15 | 6:30 pm

For more information, *please contact either Lite Sabin at sabinmail@aol.com or Marlene Muskin at idts52@aol.com.*

Sisterhood

Noted Israeli Scientist to Speak

Tuesday, May 15 | 12:30 pm | *Free of Charge*

Professor Marcelle Machluf of the Faculty of Biotechnology at Technion in Israel is doing revolutionary research in the area of effective drug delivery to treat cancer. She was born in Morocco and went to Israel in 1964. Before her appointment to the Technion (the Israel Institute of Technology), she was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School. Professor Machluf will use a colorful slide presentation to explain her work. She will also discuss her own heart-warming personal story—how she rose from being a poor Moroccan immigrant to her present position as a successful Israeli scientist. Sisterhood invites all members of P.A.S. to attend this fascinating event. A light lunch will be served.

William Hess

May 5

Julia Clare Bernstein

May 5

Julia, a seventh-grader at Brearley, has attended the P.A.S. Congregational School since grade Aleph. Her favorite subject is math and her activities focus on community service.

Julia believes young people must commit themselves to *tikkun olam* —repairing the world. To this end, she volunteers at the Jewish Home for the Aged, and is requesting, in lieu of bat mitzvah gifts, that contributions be made to create a music center for underprivileged Ethiopian Jews in Israel, which will be dedicated to her beloved grandmother, Shirley, who passed away in December.

On the P.A.S. trip to Israel in 2004 Julia proudly witnessed her brother's Bar Mitzvah ceremony with other P.A.S. Congregational School students. Julia hopes to celebrate her own Bat Mitzvah in the same way during the 2007 congregational trip.

Julia is grateful to her parents, her brother Daniel, and the clergy at P.A.S. for making her Bat Mitzvah such a meaningful event in her life.

Aliza Reisner

May 12

Aliza Reisner will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on May 12, 2007. Aliza, or Ali to her friends, began her Jewish education at Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center. She is a seventh grader at the Nightingale-Bamford School, where she is active on the middle school volleyball and softball teams and serves as her class community service representative.

As part of her seventh grade Hebrew school experience, Ali assists weekly at a food pantry with her classmates.

Ali thanks her many teachers and the clergy who helped her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. She looks forward to celebrating many more joyous occasions at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Unbroken Chain: Shared History, Shared Destiny

Join us to see Israel in a new and different way.
With family, friends *and* P.A.S. | **December 22, 2007-January 1, 2008** | $ ✆

- ✓ share the Israel experience with fellow congregants and clergy
- ✓ create new and lasting bonds with the P.A.S. community in Israel—sure to continue upon our return
- ✓ bring your family—parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren—a truly intergenerational trip
- ✓ experience Israel in a new and different way

For more information, *contact Sarah Gribetz directly at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212.369.2600, ext. 142.*

Amanda Langhaus

May 12

As Amanda celebrates her Bat Mitzvah, she also celebrates her ten years as a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue Community. Amanda has been attending Park Avenue since preschool and is very connected to the community as a result.

Amanda is a compassionate older sister to her brother Ethan. She is an independent, free-spirited young woman who loves adventure. She is an avid sailor, skier, hip-hop dancer and horseback rider. She is a creative soul and is passionate about the environment. Amanda currently attends the Stephen Gaynor School and looks forward to her future educational endeavors.

We are very proud of Amanda for her achievements and devotion, as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on May 12th. She would like to thank everyone who helped and encouraged her: the Clergy, her family and her teachers as she prepared for her Bat Mitzvah.

Hillary Winnick

May 19

Hillary Winnick's connection to Park Avenue Synagogue began with her baby naming in July of 1994 and has continued with her religious school education from kindergarten through today.

She is a seventh-grader at Horace Mann School where her favorite subjects are English and History. An avid athlete, Hillary played on her middle school tennis, basketball and lacrosse teams this year.

Hillary is extremely social and has a contagious zest for life. Nowhere is this more evident than when she is at her favorite place, Tripp Lake Camp, where she has spent the last 5 summers. There she loves to water ski, play tennis and softball and relax with her friends.

Hillary would like to thank the clergy and her teachers through the years for helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah. She also couldn't have achieved this goal without the love and support of her grandparents, parents and sister Joely.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Craner
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fodor
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gindi
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hecht
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Malter
Ms. Corinne Shane
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Silverman
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Silverstein
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Sole
Mr. Eric Stein and Mrs. Rebecca Olshin-Stein
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trenchard
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vermut

Cantor Nancy Abramson

History will be made at the Annual Convention of the Cantors Assembly in Los Angeles May 6-10, when for the first time, a woman will take office as Vice President of Administration—our own Cantor Nancy Abramson.

The Cantors Assembly, affiliated with the Conservative movement and founded in 1947, is the largest body of Hazzanim in the world. Women were first admitted in 1990, but have never served as officers. According to executive Vice President Stephen J. Stein, "...Cantor Abramson has demonstrated her leadership skills in several different roles within our organization, including having co-chaired a national convention. My colleagues and I are thrilled that she has accepted this invitation."

Cantor Abramson said, "My obligation as a cantor is to beautify and interpret Jewish liturgy through music. Now, as a leader of hundreds of cantors, I hope to enhance the profession through personal example and strengthen the role of cantor in the synagogue and community. I am both honored and humbled in having been chosen to lead by my colleagues."

Our Multi-generational Families: *L'Dor V'Dor*

Our congregation is blessed to include many multi-generational families as members.

Congregants Joan (Hoexter) Goldberg, her brother Dr. David Hoexter and spouses Howard and June evidence this L'Dor V'Dor tradition. Their grandparents, Louis and Eleis Metzger and David and Emma Hoexter were active members of Atereth Israel; the two men were both on the Board. In fact, the February 5, 1928 minutes include congratulations to Louis Metzger on the addition to his family, the birth of Joan and David's Aunt Marilyn. Joan's parents, Jack and Fern (Metzger) Hoexter, the second generation, met at Park Avenue Synagogue and were married here, as were Joan and Howard.

Joan and her brothers, Drs. Barton and David, the third generation, attended P.A.S. Hebrew School, as did Joan and Howard's children Jonathan, Andrew and Elyssa, who celebrated Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Graduations.

To date, with more certainly to come, Jonathan and Andrew and spouses Debbie and Lauren are fourth generation members, as is David and June's daughter, Jaclyn. The fifth generation includes Jordan, already attending the Early Childhood Center, and his younger brother Alexander, the sons of Jonathan and Debbie; and their cousin Dylan, whose parents are Andrew and Lauren.

Synagogue Family

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

~ Barry A. Bryer, *on the loss of his mother, Sally Bryer*
~ Arlene Meyer Cohen, *on the loss of her husband, Larry Cohen*
~ Gary Dessler and Derek C. Dessler, *on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Laura Dessler*
~ Dr. Ilisse Perlmutter, *on the loss of her father, Abraham Samuel Perlmutter*
~ Dr. Audrey Woolrich, *on the loss of her father, Eugene John Woolrich*

Note: *if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue office: lschneider@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600.*

Classes are $35 for P.A.S. members and $50 for non-members per semester, unless otherwise noted. Register at AdultEd@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext.140.

Learn Hebrew on Mondays | *Spring Semester: Please note new schedules*

Prayer Book Hebrew for Advanced Beginners

Mondays, May 7, 14 and 21 | 6:30-7:30 pm | Sarah Gribetz, instructor

Intermediate Modern Hebrew | Mondays, May 7 and 14 | 7:30-8:45 pm | Varda Hubara, instructor

Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln

Ongoing Tuesdays *except May 22* | **8:00 am** | *Free of Charge*

Jewish Thought and Practice with Rabbi Stern

Ongoing Tuesdays *except May 22* | **11:00 am** | *Free of Charge*

Rabbi Kenneth Stern teaches a course on Jewish thought and practice in an informal round-table setting in the Rothschild Library. Short readings are used as the basis for wide-ranging class discussion of noted Jewish thinkers and the issues that their work raises for today's Jews. Sponsored by Sisterhood, this course is free and open to all members of P.A.S. Don't hesitate to drop in and sample a class.

Beit Ishah: A Space for Women's Learning

Ongoing Wednesdays *except May 23* | **12:30 pm** | *Free of Charge*

Rabbi Dawn Rose leads a text discussion for women based on Mishnah

Lunch 'n' Learn

Ongoing Thursdays *except May 24* | **11:00 am-1:00 pm** | *Free of Charge*
Members of the Clergy and Education Department, instructors

Meet others and share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

P.A.S. Gallery Exhibition

How Torah Lives in our Community: Torah Treasures from the P.A.S. Collection | Through May 31

Among the extraordinary programs and resources of our Anniversary celebration is the very special exhibition celebrating the meaning of Torah as it lives within P.A.S. The gallery features our synagogue's exquisite ceremonial art collection of Torah ark fittings, photographs of congregants' rites of passage at P.A.S. throughout the generations, a fine arts installation on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah milestone created by students in our congregational school, and a multi-media display of the materials that will be used by Rabbi Moshe Druin to inscribe a new Torah scroll.

Rothschild Library presents Perpetual International Jewish Film Festival

"Trembling Before G-d: The Hidden Lives of Gay and Lesbian Orthodox and Hasidic Jews"

Thursday, May 10 | 7:00 pm | at the Rothschild | *Free of Charge*

An Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival, "Trembling Before G-d" has been called "loving...healing...eloquent...moving," and "surprisingly funny." Investigating the lives of a courageous few in Brooklyn, Jerusalem, Los Angels, London, Miami, and San Francisco, this unprecedented feature documentary portrays people who struggle mightily with the apparent contradictions between their sexuality and their faith. Some live in hiding. Many have faced painful rejection. Their courage is as evident as their pain.

Please join us for this moving documentary which has been hailed "a tribute to the human spirit."

Discussion to follow with Rabbi Dawn Rose.

The Final Merger, with Congregation Atereth Israel

By Marcia Stone and Laurie Harris, Archives Committee

As described in previous bulletin articles, by the mid-1920s, Park Avenue Synagogue possessed a strong clergy, had a large and popular Hebrew School, active arms including a Sisterhood and a Men's Club, and a vital lay leadership headed by Jacob Friedman. Located for many years at 115 East 86th Street, it grew in membership and financial strength through amalgamations and reputation. By 1926, plans were finalized for a new building on land they had acquired on East 87th Street. In 1927, they dedicated this magnificent new sanctuary building, which will be the subject of our next article. Now we will focus on another Yorkville congregation, Atereth Israel, which was making its own expansion plans in the mid-1920s. However, things did not work out as planned: The "Roaring Twenties" were replaced in the fall of 1929 with the biggest economic disaster in the country's history. And in early 1929, our final amalgamation took place.

Atereth Israel, located at 323 East 82nd Street, was founded in 1882 by a small group of ardent and devoted French, German, and Alsatian Jews. On the occasion of Park Avenue Synagogue's 75th Anniversary in 1957, Milton Weill, P.A.S. board member and son of Charles Weill, president of Atereth Israel at the time of the merger early in 1929, reminisced that "to the members of Temple Atereth Israel, worship was not a duty—it was a way of life. There was no pretense or show about them—they were just a warm *gemutlich* group."

We are fortunate to have an incredible artifact, the handwritten "Board Minutes" of Atereth Israel, from 1924 until 1929. From these minutes, we learn that, at the time, this congregation had many similarities to Park Avenue Synagogue: they had an active membership of 60, conducted a Hebrew School and also held card parties and fundraisers, or galas, and were making their own plans to erect a new building. Their clergy consisted of Rabbi Isidor Breslaw and Cantor Emanuel Firnauer.

The Board of Atereth Israel was preoccupied with expanding membership. For example, they passed a motion that the circular for the Friday Night Services be printed and distributed in the neighborhood. Also, a sign was placed in front of the synagogue to advertise the sale of cemetery plots and graves at their new Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Like Park Avenue Synagogue, whose board bought land anticipating a new building; on March 12, 1925, Atereth Israel purchased 236 and 238 East 79th St. for the purpose of constructing their new synagogue. The July 6, 1925 minutes reflect that "Brother" (the term respectfully used by members to refer to one another) Mandell reported on the progress of the Building Committee and suggested that they also purchase another house next to the property on East 79th St. at a cost of $41,000. The November 2, 1925 minutes disclose that this acquisition was closed and that all of the apartments in these buildings were rented, thus generating income.

Nevertheless, even with expansion plans, the Board of Atereth Israel, from March to June 1926, gave lengthy consideration to two possible mergers: one possibility would be with 86th Street Synagogue (Park Avenue) the other with the Upper West Side Congregation Peni-El. In fact, a newspaper article that was included in the minutes reports: "negotiations are in progress for the amalgamation of the two congregations and their planned relocation to Washington Heights." Additionally, Atereth Israel Rabbi Henry Schorr left his congregation for Peni-El. Still, without explanation, the minutes note that all of Atereth Israel's East 79th Street land was sold in May 1927 for the sum of $125,000, and soon afterwards, in 1928, many pivotal events occurred in the life of the congregation. Rabbi Breslaw resigned on July 1st and Cantor Firnauer died in August. With interim clergy and a new school year approaching, three Board members including Louis Hoexter, an uncle of current members, *(see accompanying feature on page 10)* were appointed to

a committee to supervise the Hebrew School. The minutes contain no mention of success in attracting additional membership. Finally, on October 1st a decision was made to suspend Friday night services. Shortly after, a special meeting was held at the home of Board President Charles Weill, at which time it was suggested by several of the "Brothers" that they amalgamate with Park Avenue Synagogue. At the January 8, 1929 meeting, the Board decided all members in arrears should be sent a letter with their invoice stating, "Before the amalgamation with the Park Avenue Temple takes place, every member must be clear on our records." The Board of Congregation Atereth Israel held their final meeting on February 4, 1929. A Financial Committee, on which Louis Metzger served, was appointed to audit the congregation's books with the Finance Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue. All of the members in attendance signed amalgamation cards, thus completing the merger.

According to reminiscences by Milton Weill, written for the P.A.S. Bulletin in 1954 on the 25th Anniversary of the merger, "this small congregation, through conservative planning, a bit of real estate, the acquisition of cemetery grounds on Mt. Carmel and Machpelah, and never spending what they did not have, built up a net worth of some $150,000. With that 'wealth' came ambitions to move out of the old neighborhood and build a new house of worship. There were some from that congregation, I included, who felt that a merger with an existing congregation would be a more favorable step. Many dramatic sessions of the board and of the membership were held, and finally on December 29, 1928, a vote was

Rabbi Simon Novick

taken that unanimously favored a merger. A committee was appointed to meet with other congregations on both the Westside and the Eastside, and the merger with Park Avenue Synagogue was recommended."

In 1954, in his sermon commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the amalgamation, Park Avenue's Rabbi Simon Novick remarked "I am sure that something will be said tonight about both parties to this merger whose Silver Anniversary we celebrate, and about the fine relationship which has existed through the years between them: for not only were two institutions amalgamated 25 years ago, but two groups of people came together and some very warm friendships have developed…" Also, on the occasion of this *simcha*, Milton Weill said "The *shiduch* was well worked out, and it has been a very happy merger ever since of resources and friendship."

What a blessing this merger truly was for both congregations is most dramatically understood in a historical context: knowing that the Great Depression, which began in October 1929, could have doomed both institutions, had fate not bound them into a larger, more sustainable unit. Jacob Friedman, Park Avenue's President at the time of the merger, put it most succinctly, "though financially Park Avenue Synagogue was still in a weak position, with the additional funds from Atereth Israel, we were able to pay off a bank loan, thus relieving 'Uncle Jacob' of a great deal of worry"…

To be continued…

Tot Shavuot Service

Wednesday, May 23 | 10:00-11:00 am

There are no JAMS or HaMishpachah Sheli classes on May 23 or May 24 but please join us on this special Jewish holiday for song, prayer and story.

From the P.A.S. Glossary

Shavuot

Shavuot is one of the major Biblical festivals, originally linked to the agricultural calendar and spring harvest of ancient times. Since Rabbinic times it has been observed as the anniversary of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. The Torah reading for Shavout includes a recitation of the Ten Commandments. It is traditional to study all night on the eve of Shavuot and to read the Book of Ruth, which takes place at harvest time; Ruth is an example of a proselyte who accepts the Torah and its teachings herself. Another tradition often followed on the festival is that of eating dairy foods.

Hidon ha Torah—The Bible Contest

Ron Koas, Education Director

For the last few months I have been teaching the book of *Sh-mot*—Exodus, to a group of Sixth graders in our school, preparing them for the annual METNY *Hidon ha Torah*—Bible Contest. Students from all across the New York area participate in this most exciting competition. We meet for 45 minutes every week, and together we delve into the world of Torah text study. This is the first time these students are actually learning directly from the Torah text. Until now, their learning consisted more of reading about the Torah stories. Most of the students have seen Exodus portrayed in movies such as "The Ten Commandments" and "Moses, Prince of Egypt" and were not quite sure what was Torah-based and what had its sources in Hollywood.

My goal is to teach the children how to read text for the *P'shat*—the literal, or simple meaning, as well as gain some proficiency in the subject matter contained in the book of Exodus.

First of all, the children have learned how to navigate the text: how to find chapters and verses, how to distinguish commentaries from Torah text, etc. I often pose a question to the youngsters, and then ask them to read a chapter and look for the answer. We also have interesting discussions together after studying the text—for instance—if you were Moses what would you have done when you saw the burning bush? After studying Torah together, I raise other questions, such as: Why do we continue to read this text? What questions and problems does it raise for us? What does the story tell us about God, leadership, Jewish values? The students also learn some of Rashi's commentaries. They identify what question Rashi is asking, what his answer is, and whether or not this answer works for us today.

This was an exciting year of learning with my sixth graders. They worked hard and for this I am very proud of them. This is a win-win situation: whether the children win the contest or not, we have had the opportunity to learn Torah together.

I can think of no better way to honor Park Avenue Synagogue in this year of our Torah dedication!

Tiny Treasures

Friday, May 18 | at 6:15 Service

Our Second Annual "Tiny Treasures" celebration will take place during the Friday Night Service. Our 1- and 2-year old treasures will come to the bimah to be recognized by the entire community. A birthday Kiddush will follow.

Tikkun Olam

Children's Camp Clothing Drive

Donate your gently used summer clothing, including clothes for Shabbat services, and athletic equipment for children ages 5 to 16.

Collection Drop Off Dates:
Monday, May 14 | all day
Tuesday, May 15 | all day
Wednesday, May 16 | until 4 pm

The children who will benefit from your generosity are being sent to camp by the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.

May Children's and School Programs

May Birthday Celebration

May 4 | 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with May birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our May Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact *Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.*

Tot Shabbat

May 5 | 11:15 am-12:00 pm

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat.

Please note *There are no JAMS or HaMishpachah Sheli classes: Wednesday, May 23-Thursday, May 24.*

Tuesday, May 1 *13 Iyar*
CS Vav Museum Trip

Wednesday, May 2 *14 Iyar*
CS Hay Museum Trip

Thursday, May 3 *15 Iyar*
Lag B'omer Picnic

Friday, May 4 *16 Iyar*
Children's Birthday Service
Focus on Israel Weekend
6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin
Shabbat Dinner following Service $✆

Saturday, May 5 *17 Iyar*
Parashat Emor
Focus on Israel Weekend
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Hammer
Bat Mitzvah of Julia Bernstein, daughter of Jo Ellen and Donald Bernstein
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:00 am Nitzanim Service
10:15 am Junior Congregation
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm Mincha
Bar Mitzvah of William Hess, son of Susan and John Hess

Sunday, May 6 *18 Iyar*
Lag B'omer
Focus on Israel Weekend
Salute to Israel Parade

Tuesday, May 8 *20 Iyar*
CS Vav Museum Trip

Wednesday, May 9 *21 Iyar*
CS Hay Museum Trip

Friday, May 11 *23 Iyar*
Light candles: 7:44 pm
CS *Kabbalat Shabbat Service* & *Oneg Shabbat*
6:00 pm CS *Tekes Siyyum*/Moving Up Ceremony

Saturday, May 12 *24 Iyar*
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Aliza Reisner, daughter of Miriam Judlowe and Lorin Reisner
6:00 pm Mincha
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Langhaus, daughter of Kathy Marlin Langhaus and Arthur Langhaus

Monday, May 14 *26 Iyar*
Kids' Clothing Collection Drop Off

Tuesday, May 15 *27 Iyar*
Kids' Clothing Collection Drop Off

Wednesday, May 16 *28 Iyar*
Yom Yerushalayim
Kids' Clothing Collection Drop Off *until 4:00 pm*
High School Barbecue on the Roof

Thursday, May 17 *29 Iyar*
Last Day Cong. School

Friday, May 18 *1 Sivan*
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Tiny Treasures Celebration

Saturday, May 19 *2 Sivan*
Parashat B'midbar
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Hillary Winnick, daughter of Deanne and Charles Winnick
9:30 am Havurah Service

Sunday, May 20 *3 Sivan*
Chesed Brunch
Kadima and *Ruach* group event
Rosh Chodesh: it's a girl thing!

Monday, May 21 *4 Sivan*
HS 7th/8th grade *Chesed Brunch*

Tuesday, May 22 *5 Sivan*
Erev Shavuot (Offices Close 1:00 pm)

Wednesday, May 23 *6 Sivan*
Shavuot (Offices Closed)
No JAMS and HaMishpachah Sheli classes
10:00 am Tot Shavuot Service

Thursday, May 24 *7 Sivan*
Shavuot (Offices Closed)
No JAMS and HaMishpachah Sheli classes

Saturday, May 26 *9 Sivan*
Parashat Naso
9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Monday, May 28 *11 Sivan*
Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

Thursday, May 31 *14 Sivan*
ECC Last Day of School

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact *Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.*

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

In Loving Memory of
Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, *please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext. 120.*

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Ronnie & David Parker, *in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.*

Bikur Cholim

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Mrs. Florence Solomon, *in celebration of Sherry Cohen's interesting programs that we at the Sisterhood enjoy very much.*

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Calendar of Events May 2007

Tuesday, May 1 *13 Iyar*
CS Vav Museum Trip
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

Wednesday, May 2 *14 Iyar*
CS Hay Museum Trip
10:30 am Judaism Class
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*

Thursday, May 3 *15 Iyar*
Lag B'omer Picnic
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn

Friday, May 4 *16 Iyar*
Light candles: 7:36 pm
Focus on Israel Weekend
Children's Birthday Service
6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin
Shabbat Dinner following Service $✆

Saturday, May 5 *17 Iyar*
Parashat Emor
Focus on Israel Weekend
7:30 am *Hashkama Service*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Hammer
Bat Mitzvah of Julia Bernstein, daughter of Jo Ellen and Donald Bernstein
9:30 am *Havurah Service*
10:00 am *Nitzanim Service*
10:15 am Junior Congregation
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
6:00 pm *Mincha*
Bar Mitzvah of William Hess, son of Susan and John Hess

Sunday, May 6 *18 Iyar*
Lag B'omer
Focus on Israel Weekend
Salute to Israel Parade

Monday, May 7 *19 Iyar*
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew/S. Gribetz $✆
7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 8 *20 Iyar*
CS Vav Museum Trip
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting
6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 9 *21 Iyar*
CS Hay Museum Trip
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
6:30 pm JTS Garden Party

Thursday, May 10 *22 Iyar*
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn
7:00 pm Film Series: "Trembling Before G-d"

Friday, May 11 *23 Iyar*
Light candles: 7:44 pm
CS *Kabbalat Shabbat Service* & *Oneg Shabbat*
6:00 pm *CS Tekes Siyyum*/Moving Up Ceremony
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 12 *24 Iyar*
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai
7:30 am *Hashkama Service*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Aliza Reisner, daughter of Miriam Judlowe and Lorin Reisner
6:00 pm *Mincha*
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Langhaus, daughter of Kathy Marlin Langhaus and Arthur Langhaus

Sunday, May 13 *25 Iyar*
Forging Your Link

Monday, May 14 *26 Iyar*
Forging Your Link
Kids' Clothing Collection Drop Off
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew/S. Gribetz $✆
7:30 pm Conv. Hebrew/Andi Meiseles $✆

Tuesday, May 15 *27 Iyar*
Forging Your Link
Kids' Clothing Collection Drop Off
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
12:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting
Professor Marcelle Machluf, Speaker
6:30 pm *Tikkun Olam* Committee

Wednesday, May 16 *28 Iyar*
Yom Yerushalayim
Kids' Clothing Collection Drop Off
High School Barbecue on the Roof
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
7:30 pm Moonbeams Meeting

Thursday, May 17 *29 Iyar*
Last Day Cong. School
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn
6:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

Friday, May 18 *1 Sivan*
Light candles: 7:50 pm
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Tiny Treasures Celebration

Saturday, May 19 *2 Sivan*
Parashat B'midbar
7:30 am *Hashkama Service*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Hillary Winnick, daughter of Deanne and Charles Winnick
9:30 am *Havurah Service*
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, May 20 *3 Sivan*
Chesed Brunch
Kadima and *Ruach* group event
Rosh Chodesh: it's a girl thing!

Monday, May 21 *4 Sivan*
HS 7th/8th grade *Chesed Brunch*
6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew/S. Gribetz $✆

Tuesday, May 22 *5 Sivan*
Light candles: 7:54 pm
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern
Erev Shavuot (Offices Close 1:00 pm)

Wednesday, May 23 *6 Sivan*
Shavuot (Offices Closed)
No JAMS and *HaMishpachah Sheli* classes
10:00 am Tot Shavuot Service

Thursday, May 24 *7 Sivan*
Shavuot (Offices Closed)
No JAMS and *HaMishpachah Sheli* classes

Friday, May 25 *8 Sivan*
Light candles: 7:57 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 26 *9 Sivan*
Parashat Naso
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
6:00 pm *Mincha*

Sunday, May 27 *10 Sivan*

Monday, May 28 *11 Sivan*
Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

Tuesday, May 29 *12 Sivan*
8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln
11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

Wednesday, May 30 *13 Sivan*
12:30 pm *Beit Ishah*
6:30 pm Men's Club Dinner in Great Neck $✆

Thursday, May 31 *14 Sivan*
ECC Last Day of School
11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn

Daily Minyanim: *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am;* **Mincha** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office. See page 4 for Religious Services schedule, page 15 for Children's/School Programs schedule.*

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A Look Ahead

Plan ahead to celebrate our anniversary together: Read your mail, consult the Calendar of Events, surf our website and check your e-mail.

Summer Programs 2007

Synagogue Walking Tours

Sunday, June 26 | Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, NYC
Sunday, July 29 | Touro Synagogue, Newport, RI
Tuesday, August 7 | Eldridge Street Synagogue, NYC